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# OVERPORT NEWS

*From the Principal's Desk.*

## *Science Night at Overport!*

Last Wednesday during the day and into the evening was an amazing adventure into science at our school. Our little scientists explored, hypothesised and experimented throughout the day. We had geologists, anthropologists, palaeontologists, laboratory chemists, zoologists and even "mad scientists."



This was a highly successful day followed by wonderful presentations and engaging activities into the evening. A huge number of students and their family members attended.



The classrooms were amazing and the teachers, who remained in character all day, engaged with students and parents. Some performed experiments with them and others were explaining about the work being done during our focus on science throughout the day, as well as the science elements from the Victorian Curriculum across this term. I would like to express our appreciation to Dr Daniel Price and the Monash students. They were extremely engaging and the community loved what they saw. We hope that this might become an annual event.

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## Dates to remember:

### JUNE —

- 6/6 School Nurse for Preps
- 7/6 Divisional Cross Country
- 8/6 Special Events meeting  
Choir perform Benetas  
aged care
- 12/6 Queen's Birthday Public  
Holiday
- 15/6 Term 3 excursion notice  
coming home
- 16/6 Lightning Premiership Day  
Year 6
- 17/6 Saturday Working Bee  
9.00am - 12.00pm
- 30/6 Last day of Term  
School finishes at 2.30pm

## Thought of the week:

Science is not only a  
disciple of reason but, also, one  
of romance and passion.

Stephen Hawking



Sasha 3C, Seth 2A,  
 Makayla 6B, Luisa 1C,  
 Jake 6D, Sara 3C,  
 Angus 6C, Adelyn 3B,  
 Eli 2D, Alice 3A,  
 Archer 3B, Tarrick 5A,  
 Bailey 5C, Ruby 5D,  
 Baden 6C, Maria 1C,  
 Bella-Rose 1C,  
 Charlotte 3D, Natasha  
 2B, Amelia 3A,  
 Zebediah 6D

## ***Sentral Reporting System.***

During the last week of this term we will be sending student reports home as usual. As we are using a new provider, Sentral, these will look slightly different. We believe they will be easier to read but still provide you with all the information about your child's progress against the Victorian Curriculum. Our Family Forums will take place in the second week of next term. During the forum your child will have the opportunity to proudly present aspects of their work and talk to you about their learning at school. During these 15 minute meetings we ask that you encourage your child to promote their confidence in their learning journey. If you need to discuss something specific with your child's teacher, please contact him or her.

## ***Parking Concerns.***

We continue to have a number of issues around parking. Given that our student numbers have grown to 700, it is natural that parking requirements have increased. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, I have met with Frankston Council, Frankston High School and the Community Centre to investigate possible options to improve this. However, nothing further has been offered. Last Friday at the Principals' network meeting, a member of Frankston Council spoke to us regarding Kiss and Go parking areas. I expressed out continued concern of lack of monitoring of these signs. We have all strongly requested that this be done. We have been as proactive as we can be and increased our staff parking space to eliminate our impact. However, unfortunately the school has no jurisdiction over street parking. So, I strongly encourage community members to contact the Council on 1300322322 to raise their concerns. This will be the only way that this can be addressed. In the mean time, if you are close enough, please walk to school or consider parking at a distance and then walking the rest of the way. We understand the frustrations but in the interest of our student safety, we ask that you be patient with other drivers, and obey all signage.

*Kind Regards,*

*Julie Gleeson Principal.*

### **Year Level Reminders for this week:**

**Foundation:** School nurse visits start next week

**Year 1:** Don't forget to bring your reader, home diary and magic word book everyday to school. Year one students use their work books in reading groups as well as a resource when writing and spelling.

**Year 2:** Remember that having a Big Talk helps to make our Big Write even better!!! Try to remember each week.

**Year 3:** Please ensure that homework books are returned to school each and every day. These books form an important part of our morning literacy block.

**Year 4:** Please continue to practice the times tables at home so we can see improvement in Blitz Master results.

**Year 5:** Thanks to everyone who came along to help us celebrate Science Day and open night. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends.

**Year 6:** Some tired little bodies need some early nights. Remember, sleep and good nutrition as we approach the colder months.



## RACV Energy Breakthrough 2017

The RACV Energy Breakthrough competition preparation for 2017 has begun. This year we are very excited to have entered two pushcart teams and for the first time, a team in the human powered vehicle (HPV) event. The selection process for the three teams was difficult with many students vying for a place in the team.

Over the next 6 months, the teams of students in year four to six will train and prepare to compete in a three-day competition held in Maryborough in November. The event encompasses many areas of the curriculum including health, personal and social learning, science, technologies, reading, writing, speaking and listening and drama. Student knowledge, fitness and ability to work well in teams will be tested at the competition in timed races, written displays and oral presentations.

The RACV competition relies solely on fundraising. We require funds to purchase safety equipment, uniforms and tools, to build the pushcarts and human powered vehicles and for team entry. We are fortunate this year to have very active parent group who are taking on large component of the fundraising efforts. A group of these parents were responsible for the organisation, cooking, selling and pack up of the RACV sausage sizzle at last Wednesday's Open Night. I would like to thank all those who assisted, including Karen Thomson, Di Hall, Di Black, David Mackenzie, Sara and Scott Williams, Catherine Price, Melissa Gourley, Jacqui Miceli, Zoe Crean-Batty, Wendy Lorimer and Viktor Kuehn.

We continue to seek company sponsorship as an addition to fundraising efforts. If you know of any companies or individuals who may be willing and able to contribute to this amazing program, please encourage them to get in touch. We have a range of sponsorship packages available.

The RACV team are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Tess Higgins

Student wellbeing and Engagement



*Do you have working stationary exercise bike gathering dust? If yes, please contact the school office. The RACV team will happily take it off your hands, on permanent loan or short term until the end of the year.*

**RACV ENERGY  
BREAKTHROUGH**

Extend OSHC at  
Overport Primary School



WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

Participate in our winter-themed activities, including science experiments to learn about animals with blubber, recreating a winter snowstorm in a jar, and participating in a snowman slam!

To check out the daily schedule, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.

Our weekly recap:

Last week we had loads of fun playing lots of outside games, including soccer, netball, football and dodge ball. The highlight activity for the week was our end of week disco on Friday afternoon. We bought some cool glow in the dark dreadlock hair pieces to wear in the hall while we all boogied to the music! We also had lots of fun creating our own stress balls and dreamcatchers.

*Brodie Dewhurst, Acting Team Leader*

Our Extend Superstar is:

Ethan ... for becoming comfortable and involving himself in the program.

### What's on next week?

Monday 5 June:  
Outdoor kick-ball  
Tuesday 6 June:  
Blowing Bubbles  
Wednesday 7 June:  
Choc Chip Muffins  
Thursday 8 June:  
Paper Chains  
Friday 9 June:  
Bookworm Bookmarks

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